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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, SA, EGY, XF

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: SAG CONCERN FOR CEASE-FIRE  
ALONG OCTOBER 22 LINES

1. PRESS STATEMENTS OF PRIME MINISTER MEIR CONCERNING ENCIRCLEMENT OF EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY BEING WIDELY DISCUSSED IN SAUDI GOVERNMENT. SPECIFICALLY, MRS. MEIR REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT ISRAEL WAS UNDER NO PRESSURE FROM THE UNITED STATES TO END ENCIRCLEMENT OF THE EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY CORPS AND THAT EGYPT AND ISRAEL SHOULD NOW COMMENCE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS TO MAKE THE LINES QUOTE MORE COHERENT UNQUOTE. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. OTHER PRESS REPORTS, HOWEVER, HAVE INDICATED (REF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR JOSEPH C. HARSH) THAT MRS. MEIR MET WITH A FIRM INSISTENCE BY THE SECRETARY THAT SHE MUST PULL TROOPS BACK TOWARDS THE ORIGINAL CEASEFIRE LINE OF

OCTOBER 22. THESE REPORTS NOT RPT NOT APPEARING IN SAUDI PRESS.

3. IN OUR DISCUSSION WITH SAUDIS, WE HAVE FOUND THEY WEL-COMED OUR SUPPORT OF VARIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS WHICH ESTABLISH CEASEFIRE ALONG LINES MONDAY OCT 22 (AS STATED BY SECRETARY IN HIS OCT 25 PRESS CONFERENCE).

4. WE MAY ASSUME THAT THE EGYPTIAN POLICY OF AN ABSOLUTE RETURN TO OCT 22 POSITIONS (PERHAPS AS DEFINED IN SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY) WILL HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED BY SADAT WITH FAISAL DURING HIS VISIT HERE FRIDAY, NOV 2. THIS POINT LIKELY TO ARISE IN DISCUSSIONS DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT, AND WE MAY ASSUME ALSO SAUDIS WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT EGYPTIAN STAND.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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